

CLAIM LISTING

1 – 14. (Canceled)

15. (New) A water resistant, weatherproof retractable barrier system, comprising:

a. a housing having a top, bottom and side walls enclosing an interior space, a side wall having a web ingress/egress slot;

b. a webbing spool assembly disposed within the interior space of the housing, the spool assembly including:

i. a rotatable spindle oriented vertically and supported by the top and bottom walls of the housing,

ii. a cylindrical spool connected to the spindle and having a predetermined diameter, the spool having top and bottom ends,

iii. webbing wrapped around the spool, the webbing extending outside the housing slot and having a free end with an attached connector, the webbing being extendible and retractable with respect to the spool upon rotation of the spool, the webbing defining a predetermined outer diameter when it is in a fully retracted state which is greater than the diameter of the spool, and

iv. a cylindrical skirt, integrally and homogeneously formed with the spool, and extending from the bottom end thereof, the skirt having an upper wall and a peripheral wall depending downwardly from the periphery of

the upper wall, the peripheral wall having a predetermined outside diameter which is greater than the diameter of the of the spooled webbing in its fully retracted state, the upper wall being downwardly angled from the spool to the periphery of the upper wall,

c. a spring assembly arranged to provide a rotary biasing load to the spool, the spring carrier including

i. a spring carrier disposed below and within the spool assembly skirt, the spring carrier having an bottom wall and a side wall depending upwardly from the periphery of the bottom wall, the side wall having a predetermined outside diameter which is less than the inside diameter of the skirt peripheral wall, and

ii. a coiled spring disposed within the spring carrier; and whereby

d. the skirt deflects water entering the housing during retraction of the webbing outwardly over the skirt upper wall and down the peripheral wall and away from the spring assembly so that water does not impinge on the spring.

16. A water resistant, weatherproof retractable pedestrian guidance barrier system, comprising:

a. a housing;

b. a webbing spool assembly disposed within the housing, the spool assembly including:

i. a spindle oriented vertically and supported by the housing,

ii. a spool connected to the spindle and having a predetermined

diameter, the spool having top and bottom ends,

iii. webbing wrapped around the spool, the webbing extending outside the housing and having a free end with an attached connector, the webbing being extendible and retractable with respect to the spool upon rotation of the spool, the webbing defining a predetermined outer diameter when it is in a fully retracted state which is greater than the diameter of the spool, and

iv. integrally and homogeneously formed with the spool, and extending from the bottom end thereof, the skirt having an upper wall and a peripheral wall depending downwardly from the periphery of the upper wall,

c. a spring assembly arranged to provide a rotary biasing load to the spool, the spring assembly including

a coiled spring disposed below and within the spool assembly skirt ;

and whereby

d. the skirt deflects water entering the housing during retraction of the webbing outwardly over the skirt upper wall and down the peripheral wall and away from the spring assembly so that water does not impinge on the spring.